# ASKS SEALED BIDS FOR TROLLEY LINES

## Northern Massachusetts Receiver Sends Out Call; Gardner Plans For Winter Carnival

GARDNER, Dec 4—A call for sealed bids on portions of the Northern Massachusetts street railways was sent out Monday by Daniel P. Abercrombie, receiver for the railways, from his office in Greenfield

The property will be disposed of in several parcels with roadbed and overhead wire to be bid on separately from equipment.

Bids are to be filed on or before Dec. 26 the receiver having until Dec. 31 to report to Judge DeCourcey in the supreme court. Bids are called for on the following parcels: No. 1, Athol fair grounds to East Templeton; No. 2, East Templeton to Baldwinville postoffice; No. 3, Baldwinville postoffice to Winchendon; No. 4, East Templeton to West Gardner, No. 5, Garner center line already discontinued; No. 6, West Gardner to Greenwood shop; No. 7, Greenwood shop to Waite's corner through Westminster.

At a directors meeting of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon an appropriation of $500 was favored contingent on an equal amount appropriated by the city council for a winter carnival to be held some time in January. A winter carnival staged by the chamber last year was successfully carried out with no effort made to attract outside interest. This year, with the new Colonial hotel expected to open in January, facilities will be available for accommodating outside guests and the proposed carnival will be staged on a much more elaborate scale.

"The runaways," a lively musical comedy, splendidly costumed and staged, opened a two nights engagement in Gardner theater last night under the auspices of Gardner lodge, B. P. O. E. The production was staged by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Philbrook and scores of pretty girls appeared in numerous dance numbers and song specialties. The cast includes Edward Sullivan, Caroline Brooks, George H Heywood, John M. Glasheen, Rudolph Columbus, Cora Leamy, Robert Bruce, Nathan Lampert, Betty Gould, Kathleen Burke, Irma Sawin and Lillian Walker. The final performance will be given this evening.

Construction work on two portable school houses on Chestnut street has been completed by the Hodgson Co., Boston, including the main structures and the heating plant. Desks and chairs taken from the old Prospect street school are being put in. It is expected that by the last of the week three upper elementary grades, which now have afternoon sessions at the high school, will be transferred to the portables.

Ernest Kruse, 110 Cherry street, treasurer of the Children's Vehicle corporation of East Templeton, was in New York yesterday to attend the funeral of Julius Ballin, president of the corporation. Mr. Ballin, who was 73 years old, founded the business in East Templeton 25 years ago, starting the Bay State Metal Wheel Co. Later the Children's Vehicle Co. was organized and both consolidated as the Vehicle corporation last August, with Mr. Ballin as president. As president of the company which is the largest manufacturing plant in Templeton, he maintained his office in New York. The company employs between 200 and 300 people.

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